

## Upcoming City Council Agenda Items

July 7, 2015

### 6:00 p.m. Transportation Benefit District Board:

CANCELLED

### 7:00 Regular Meeting

- Hearing to adopt six-year  
Transportation Improvement  
Plan
- Action to approve preliminary  
Comprehensive Plan

*The agenda list above is partial and  
tentative. For further information, click  
here for the City website:*

<http://www.snohomishwa.gov/AgendaCenter/City-Council-Agendas-1>

## State Route 9 to Receive Continued Capacity and Safety Improvements

*Special Thanks to the State Route 9 Coalition*

Our State Route 9 corridor will receive an essential share of the new transportation package, and we want to extend our thanks to the *State Route 9 Coalition* for their unswerving efforts! After years of previous attempts, State lawmakers this week released a 16-year, \$16 billion transportation package with 11.9 cent gas tax. The package covers a large array of projects from maintenance, repairs, ferries, rail, highway expansions, new interchanges, fish passage culverts, transit, bridges and safety improvements. As of July 1, both chambers had approved the revenue bill, but to complete the package, the House still needs to pass a bonding and spending bill, which designates the money to specific projects. For State Route (SR) 9, two projects are identified in the proposed package, the Snohomish River Bridge and the SR204 Interchange improvements, both described in further detail below.

The economic value of the SR 9 corridor is critical to our State. The movement of freight, customers and employees along the SR 9 corridor has extraordinarily high value in our region and our State

given the major manufacturing businesses located in the County. In addition, SR 9 provides the primary alternate route in the event of any incident that may affect traffic movement along I-5 in the County. Over \$300 million has been invested to date to improve SR 9 through Snohomish County as part of previous State gas tax funding packages. The improvements include widening the existing 2-lane highway to 4-plus lanes and adding major safety upgrade.

With the new package out this week, SR9 will again receive major investments through two key projects. The first project is the addition of a new southbound bridge over the Snohomish River. The new bridge will actually need to expand over three elements – the River, the Lowell-Snohomish River Road, and the BNSF rail road tracks. The current SR9 bridge was built in 1959. As part of the project it will receive safety upgrades and its two lanes will be converted to serve northbound traffic. Environmental and geotechnical studies have been completed already. The new package dedicates \$142 million toward this project with final design work starting in 2019 and construction set for completion in 2027. The other major project is improvements to the SR204 and SR9 interchange in Lake Stevens. \$69 million is set aside toward this work with final design starting this year, and construction finishing in 2021.

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The *State Route 9 Coalition* has been a multi-year effort and confirms that success that can be achieved by working together. The Coalition began when the City of Snohomish reached out to its neighboring jurisdictions to build a common voice and advocate for continued investment in the corridor. The first meeting was held in September 2009 at the Snohomish Library on Maple Street. Thirty five attendees participated with representatives from the State, cities, the County, businesses, chambers, transit, elected representatives, and others.

Mayor Karen Guzak with the City of Snohomish stated “The initial effort was spearheaded by the Chamber of Commerce’s “Chamber-in-Action” and the efforts of Colleen Hill, Sue Sullivan, and Pam Osborn. Over the years, the Coalition has heard from various parties in Olympia that our shared efforts have made a big impact.” Mayor Guzak continued “I want to especially thank Senator Steve Hobbs whose efforts and leadership supported the previous improvements to the SR9 corridor that we all benefit from today, the preceding studies on the Snohomish River Bridge, as well as today’s package. I also want to thank our SR9 Coalition partner cities (Lake Stevens, Marysville, and Arlington), Snohomish County, WSDOT, Community Transit, and our community and business groups. We have been speaking as one voice in strong unity. And this week we celebrate many years of focus and collaboration.”



## **Everett Addressing Drinking Water Issues**

*Taste & Odor to improve over the next week*

An algae bloom in Lake Chaplain Reservoir—the drinking water source for much of Snohomish County—has resulted in numerous reports of unpleasant water tastes or odors. Everett staff is working to resolve the issue, which is purely aesthetic and has no impact on the safety of the drinking water.

Algae blooms are fairly common in Lake Chaplain Reservoir, but typically later in the summer. Normally, the Everett Water Filtration Plant shifts to deep intakes in the lake to avoid upper layers of water with the highest concentration of algae. However, this year the bloom moved deeper into the reservoir, leading to an increase in the intensity and duration of the bloom.

Everett staff is monitoring the situation and the algae bloom appears to be subsiding. In the interim, the filtration plant will begin drawing water directly from Spada Lake Reservoir.

“Currently Spada Lake Reservoir does not contain the same algae compounds as Lake Chaplain Reservoir; therefore, the situation should improve as water works its way through the water system,” said Dave Davis, public works director. “In the meantime, the public can be confident that we are testing the water and that it is safe to drink.”

For more information, please visit [www.everettwa.gov/water](http://www.everettwa.gov/water).

### **2015 Calendar:**

**Observance of  
Independence Day  
City Hall Closed**  
July 3

**City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, July 7  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
Snohomish Senior Center  
506 Fourth Street

**Design Review Board Meeting**  
Wednesday, July 8  
Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room  
116 Union Avenue

<http://ci.snohomish.wa.us/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/07072015-522>



## SOCIAL MEDIA PRANK IMPACTING 9-1-1

Chief John Flood



The Snohomish Police Department has just now received word from our Emergency Dispatch Center, SNOPAC, that a social media prank is negatively impacting police and fire services in Snohomish County. According to Kurt Mills, Executive Director of SNOPAC, there is a new prank making the rounds on social media which is tying up 9-1-1 operators in Snohomish County. The prank directs people to ask Siri, a part of the Apple Incorporated operating system that functions as a personal assistant and knowledge navigator, to call 112. This request is the equivalent to 911 in Europe. Since Siri is smart, the feature interprets your request to mean 911 here in the United States, and dials 9-1-1. This prank is now tying up emergency call centers around the country and here in Snohomish County.

Please do not fall for this prank. If you truly need emergency services, please dial 9-1-1 without hesitation.



## Recycling Reminder

With summer upon us and outdoor charcoal grilling a favorite activity, residents are reminded to properly dispose of ashes in a safe manner. Recycling contractors are reporting instances where hot ashes are placed in recycling collection carts and catching papers on fire and sub sequentially catching the recycling trucks on fire. This is a very dangerous situation so please remember that the following CANNOT be placed inside your curbside containers:



- No hot (or warm) ashes
- No batteries
- No florescent tubes or bulbs
- No pharmaceuticals
- No electronics
- No hazardous material (labels may say "poison," "danger," "caution" or "warning")

# Games and Music to Please the Whole Family

*Kla Ha Ya Days summertime festival has something fun for everyone!*

Summer is the time for kids and adults to play and have fun. The annual Kla Ha Ya Days Festival that runs from July 11<sup>th</sup> through July 19<sup>th</sup> has something each family member can enjoy from games to music and so much more.

**Friday July 17<sup>th</sup>** from 3pm to 7pm at the Snohomish Station on 2727 Bickford Avenue, is the **Frogtastic Kids Fair** – games, crafts and activities for kids of all ages, most of which are free.



**Saturday July 18<sup>th</sup>** starts early with the River Run and the final leg of the Kla Ha Ya Kids Marathon funded by the Snohomish Education Foundation to encourage healthy habits and an active lifestyle.

Following the Parade on Saturday there's a lineup of silly games to test the mettle of babies and adults. The perennial favorite, the largest and longest running contest in the Northwest, is the Frog Jumping Contest. For a \$5 entry fee, you can coax your frog to the finish. Pie eating, bed races, and- new this year – Tai Chi and Yoga in the Park are among the games and activities to choose from.

For those who want something low key, you'll find bingo at the Snohomish Senior Center or you can shop at the Street Fair with nearly 100 craft and vendor booths.

While the games are going on so is the music. A line-up of musicians begins at 1pm and runs through 6pm. **Curtis Moore's** acoustic covers are followed by a Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young tribute by **Wasted on the Way**. The **Wild Snohomians** bring eclectic classic rock and **Rear View Mirror** has a ticket to ride for all genres of the 60s from the Animals to the Zombies.

Ending the day is a seven piece band that replicates the heart, soul and excitement of John 'Cougar' Mellencamp's great hits, **American Fool**. Enjoy a beverage in the Pilchuck Brewery beer and wine garden or a Kla Ha Ya Days specialty cocktail created by Skip Rock Distillers while you listen and dance in the Avenue A Gazebo Main Stage area where you'll also find the Food Court.

**Sunday July 19<sup>th</sup>** from Noon to 4pm, the **Marlin James Band**, one of the Northwest's hottest country bands, will entertain you. Their music is described as rock 'n roll with a saddle on it. Catch the Car and Motorcycle Show & Shine, too.

For those with a competitive spirit, the 4v4 Volleyball Tournament takes place July 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> and Soccer Tournaments on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. No matter your age, Kla Ha Ya Days has something you'll enjoy. Bring the family.

To find out more about Kla Ha Ya Days' games and music, go to [www.klahayadays.com](http://www.klahayadays.com).



# Stay Safe and Legal this 4<sup>th</sup> of July -- 2015!

## Celebrate Legally:

- **Use fireworks only in legal locations.**

Arlington	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – midnight
Bothell	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – 11pm
Brier	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – 11:59pm
Darrington	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – 11:59pm
Edmonds	<b>Banned</b>
<b>Everett</b>	<b>Banned</b>
Gold Bar	<b>Banned</b>
Granite Falls	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – 11:59
Index	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – 11:59pm on private property only
Lake Stevens	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – midnight
Lynnwood	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – 11pm
Marysville	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – 11pm
Mill Creek	<b>Banned</b>
Monroe	July 4 <sup>th</sup> between 9am – midnight
Mountlake Terrace	<b>Banned</b>
Mukilteo	<b>Banned</b>
Snohomish	July 1 to July 4 between 9am – 11pm
Snohomish County (unincorporated)	July 4 between 9am – 11:59pm
Stanwood	June 28 – July 5 between noon – 11pm
Sultan	State Law**
Woodway	<b>Banned</b>

- **Use only fireworks sold at state licensed fireworks stands.**
  - Illegal fireworks are subject to immediate confiscation and possible criminal charges.
- **\*\*Use fireworks only during the legal times per state law:** (see above list for your area)
  - June 28<sup>th</sup> between 12 noon and 11:00 p.m.
  - June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 3<sup>rd</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.
  - July 4<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 midnight
  - July 5<sup>th</sup> between 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m.

## Celebrate Safely:

- **Be Prepared... before you light fireworks**
  - Use legal fireworks, available at licensed outlets
  - Store fireworks out of children's reach
  - Keep pets safe indoors
  - Always keep water handy.
- **Be Safe... when lighting fireworks**
  - Only adults should light fireworks.
  - Use outdoors only.
  - Do not throw fireworks or hold in your hand.
  - Protect your eyes.
  - Light one firework at a time and move away quickly.
  - Never relight a "dud".
- **Be Responsible... after you finish**
  - Soak used fireworks in water.
  - Be considerate – clean up used fireworks
  - Keep matches and lighters away from children

Snohomish County Fire Marshal

[www.snoco.org](http://www.snoco.org) (keyword – fireworks)



- **When:** **July 24** – Back to the Future  
**July 31** – Goonies  
**Aug 7** – Grease  
**Aug 14** – The Game Plan

- **Time:** Event starts at 7pm  
with family fun games,  
arts and crafts and  
movies start at Dusk around 9pm.

For more Info go to <http://snohomishwa.gov/460/Outdoor-Movies>

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Snohomish Aquatics Center ● Snohomish Senior Center

Mariposa Day Spa ● Uppercase Books

Square One Home Repair

**Pilchuck Park, 163 Cypress Ave. Snohomish, WA 98290**